

To the SB184 and HB5262 Public Hearing –

Many say that election laws need to change to make voting easier and more accessible, while many others say doing so weakens the security of the election system, leaving it more vulnerable to tampering. Both sides may have a point, but there is also something to be said for taking things “one step at a time”.

**In 2021 alone, in addition to activating two Constitutional Amendment resolutions for Early Voting and No-Excuse Absentee Voting, the legislature enacted 28 other changes in the election systems, mostly buried in one huge 790-page Public Act 21-2 about “implementing the state budget”.** The sheer magnitude of simultaneous changes to election law are enough to overwhelm most humans, including our Registrars of Voters, Town Clerks, and Election Officials. Just Voter ID alone...the when, what, where and how has been made complex and confusing. It seems reasonable to believe that this situation will do nothing but increase human error and/or deliberate tampering.

Now, it appears the legislature just can't wait for the public vote on the two Constitutional Amendment resolutions, and so instead resorts to the public health emergency excuse to justify this legislation. **This move just raises my level of distrust. And to think that there is no stringent voter id and no signature verification on all this absentee voting is just disgusting. The emergency has ended. This SB184 HB5262 legislation is unnecessary and UNCONSTITUTIONAL.**

**STOP making hasty and unstructured changes to our election systems. The more complicated the voting process is made, the less reliable it is, which generates greater distrust, and the more costly it becomes for all concerned to control and hold an election.**

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